

**REMARKS**

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, for examination the second species, characterized by the Office Action as "forming contact holes and ohmic contact regions." Further, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2 reads on the elected species. Moreover, Applicant has rewritten claim 2 in independent form by incorporating features of claim 1 into claim 2. In addition, Applicant has further amended claim 2 to place it in better form, and amended claims 5-7 and 9-12 to depend from claim 2.

Applicant respectfully traverses the species election requirements at least because examination of the claims currently under consideration would not result in an undue burden on the Examiner. Specifically, claim 2 also includes a step of performing a rapid thermal process (RTP) like claim 1, and a step of forming contact holes and ohmic contact regions of claim 2 is an exemplary sequential process to the RTP.

Accordingly, the Examiner is reminded that the instant election is being made with traverse, and Applicant respectfully requests formal examination of all pending claims in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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